

WASHINGTON- Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) has submitted an amendment to H.R. 3523, the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA), which the House is considering this week. The amendment would prohibit private companies from sharing with the government personally identifiable information of users or customers without a court order or express written consent. The amendment is currently being considered by the House Rules Committee, and if allowed, will be considered by the full House of Representatives later this week.

Congressman Akin released the following statement:

“Cybersecurity is a serious and growing concern for our nation. I applaud House Republicans for taking this problem seriously and working proactively to address the serious security threat posed by cyber attacks. However, I am very concerned by the lack of strong protections for the privacy of American citizens in H.R. 3523. Cyber threats are real, but we should not respond to these threats in a way that may violate the Fourth Amendment rights of Americans. The government has enough private information about American citizens—they should not be allowed to get more without a court order or the consent of the particular citizen.

“My amendment adds real privacy protections to H.R. 3523 by prohibiting private companies from sharing personally identifiable information with the government without a court order or express written consent. I think this is a reasonable requirement and makes it clear that the Fourth Amendment to our Constitution remains the law of the land and cannot be superseded. I hope my colleagues will join with me in ensuring strong privacy protections for American citizens.”

Amendment: [AKIN_CISPA_AMDT.pdf](#)

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